coverage of I.P.R.S. by excluding consumption of foreign quality carbon steel and Stainless Steel from the purview of the scheme will adversely affect the Engineering Exports;

(d) what are the other items excluded from this scheme; and

(c) whether any representations have been received in this regard and what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The value of engineering goods exported during 1986-87 to 1991-92 was as follows:

Year	Export Value (Crores Rs.)
1986-87..	1043.00
1987-88..	1105.00
1988-89..	1589.00
1989-90..	2350.00
1990-91..	3250.00
1991-92..	4525.00

(Source: Engineering Export Promotion Council).

(b) It would be seen from the above that export of engineering goods during the above period maintained an unward trend. The growth in the exports was largely due to favourable demand factor in the international market and export promotion measures initiated by the Government from time to time.

(c) to (e) The Government have decided on 2.11.1992 to remove only forging quality carbon steel (except when the same is used in certain specified export products) and stainless steel from the purview of the International Price Reimbursement Scheme (IPRS) in respect of export shipment made on or after the 1st February, 1993. This measure is not likely to result in any major fall in the engineering exports during the current year. Representations have been received but Government do not find them justified,' to consider any change.

Funding of EEPC by Government

3638. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been funding 60 per cent of the "expenditure of the Engineering Export Promotion Council (EPC) towards export promotion efforts and 40 per cent is being met out of the industry's contribution;

(b) whether Government have now decided to stop funding the Council;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that government have decided to discontinue the IPAS (International Price Reimbursement Scheme) which helped the engineering export competition in the international market and also helped the Engineering Export Promotion Council indirectly; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Provision for financial assistance to EEPC by the Government has been regulated by the Code for providing grant-in-aid from the Market Development Fund (MDF) of the Ministry of Commerce. While the rate of assistance for developmental activities varies from activity to activity, rate of assistance for administrative activities is 60 per cent. Balance expenditure beyond the assistance is met by the Council itself.

(b) and (c) Government have decided to phase out assistance to all export promotion councils including the EEPC over a period of 5 to 7 years starting from 1.4.1992 with a view to making them self reliant.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.